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SUBJECT: NAMING OF NEW MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES

1. RAFAEL LEONARDO CALLEJAS ROMERO WAS NAMED MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES. HE WILL BE SWORN IN ON JULY 8.

2. HE WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 14, 1943, IN TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS, IS MARRIED AAND RECEIVED A B.S. AND M.S. IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS FROM MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY. FROM 1967-71, HE WAS CHIEF EVALUATOR FOR AGRICULTURAL SECTION OF THE SUPERIOR PLANNING COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL DEDERATION OF FARMERS AND CATTLEMEN (FENAGH) TO CACM NEGOTIATIONS FROM 1969-70, GENERAL MANAGER OF GRAIN STORAGE FIRM (ALMACENES DE DEPOSITO S.A.) FROM 1961-72, AND VICE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES FROM 1972 TO PRESENT.

3. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE WEALTHY CALLEJAS FAMILY WHICH HAS EXTENSIVE PROPERTIES IN TEGUCIGALPA AND SOUTHERN AND EASTERN HONDURAS. EMBASSY OFFICERS EVALUATE HIM AS A BRIGHT YOUNG MAN WHO BRINGS A GOOD DEAL OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO HIS NEW POSITION. HE HAS HAD GOOD RELATIONS

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WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL DURING HIS TENURE AS VICE MINISTER.

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